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PROCEEDINGS.

The Fifty-second Annual Session of the Alabama Baptist Association convened with the Town Creek Baptist Church, Dallas county, Ala., on the 7th of October, 1871, according to adjournment, and was called to order by Elder David Lee, Moderator. Elders T. M. Bailey and B. H. Crumpton, with brother J. I. Lamar, were requested to read the Letters of Correspondence from the Churches, which was proceeded with by districts, in regular order, and the delegates' names enrolled.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Providence—Elder W. B. Crumpton, B. F. Ellis, Joseph Armer.
Shiloh—William Johnson, Levi Stone, Joseph Lide.
Bethany—N. L. Brooks, Daniel Rast, H. W. Caffey.
Centre Ridge—Elder W. C. Cleveland, S. W. Lide, T. K. Padgett.
Town Creek—Elder T. M. Bailey, W. G. Quarles, W. W. Hardy, L. L. Pierce.
Sister Springs—Jere. Johnson, D. G. Arnold, Nathan Moore.
Pleasant Hill—Elder B. H. Crumpton, Elder T. E. Williams, S. W. Catts.*
New Bethel—James A. Crow, J. H. Woodruff.
Cedar Creek—J. J. Vaughan, W. R. Lee.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Mt. Gilead—G. H. Traylor, C. C. Barlow, H. W. Edwards.
Benton—A. D. Hassell,* J. C. Hill,* John Gresham.*
Hopewell—Elder David Lee, George W. Coker, H. R. Hinson, J. G. Brown.
Bethel—Elder Matthew Bishop, C. C. Gunn, R. M. Burt.
Steep Creek—Geo. W. McQueen, U. G. W. Powell, S. A. Satterwhite.
Ash Creek—Alfred Edwards, Edward Lyon,* A. K. Gordon.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Autaugaville—Elder J. H. Ray, J. I. Lamar, O. W. Sherrer.
Unity—Elder P. H. Lundy, B. F. Smith,* Jas. M. Smith.*
Elim—Moses McLemore,* W. T. McGaugh,* W. G. Worrell.
Pine Level—Elder B. F. Jackson, Elder T. J. Miles,* W. A. Battle.
Mt. Lebanon—Jesse G. Jones, John W. Orme,* J. D. Garrard.
First, Montgomery—E. F. Baber, W. L. Chandler, T. J. Mell, John Bullock.*
Second, Montgomery—Elder J. Falkner, Elder J. M. Newman,* A. H. Johnston.

* Denotes absentees.

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FOURTH DISTRICT.

Liberty—George Crossgrove,* James A. Mitchell, Peter Thedgile.*
Greenville—Elder C. A. Kendrick,* H. W. Watson, P. W. Sutherlin, John Gamble.*
Hickory Grove—Franklin Armstrong, J. C. Fonville, W. H. Dean.
New Ebenezer—Thomas Boytt,* C. C. Mothershed,* W. H. Carthon.*
Damascus—Elder W. C. Avant, Elder B. Cooper,* W. G. Andress.
Rutledge—L. D. Brooks,* A. Matthews.*
Sardis—J. M. Hickman,* H. Webb,* D. Curington.*
Macedonia—T. A. Peterson, W. B. Nix, W. B. Bowden.*
Union—Elder W. A. Cumbie,* J. F. Sims, J. B. Parkman.*

The Moderator requested the brethren who read the corresponding letters to act as tellers in the election for organization, and it was duly announced by them that the former officers were unanimously chosen, to-wit: Elder David Lee, Moderator; H. W. Caffey, Clerk; and S. W. Lide, Treasurer.

After suitable acknowledgments on the part of the Moderator, for this continued expression of confidence and esteem on the part of his brethren, the body was declared organized, and ready to proceed with business.

Visiting brethren were cordially invited to seats and a participation in the discussions of the Association.

An opportunity was given for the reception of petitions from churches desiring to connect themselves with this organization, and Indian Creek Baptist Church, Butler county, applied by letter, through her delegates, W. B. Bush, John Bush and W. H. Cheatham, and was welcomed to fraternal relations.

The following Standing Committees were announced:

On Religious Exercises.—Daniel Rast, A. F. Goldsmith, Jesse G. Jones, J. C. Fonville, and the Deacons of Town Creek Church.

On Missions—(To report next year.)—Elder T. M. Bailey, Elder Matthew Bishop, Franklin Armstrong, U. G. W. Powell, O. W. Sherrer.

On Sabbath Schools—(To report next year.)—Elder W. C. Cleveland, Elder Thomas E. Williams, R. M. Burt, George W. McQueen, Nathan L. Brooks.

On Documents.—Elder P. H. Lundy, Elder J. H. Ray, T. K. Padgett, Alfred Edwards, Jere. Johnson.

On State of Religion in the Churches.—Elder W. B. Crumpton, Elder J. Falkner, John W. Orme, S. A. Satterwhite, C. A. Gunn.

On Finance.—J. I. Lamar, Elder Thomas E. Williams, N. L. Brooks.

Auditing Committee.—H. W. Watson, W. H. Dean, George W. Coker.

Called for correspondence:

Pine Barren Association.—Elder T. C. Jones, Benjamin Skinner, and package of minutes.

Unity Association.—W. W. Dunklin, with letter.

On motion, Elder Samuel R. Freeman was recognized as the representative of Howard College, and the customary courtesies extended to him as such.

On motion,

Resolved, That half an hour at the opening of this afternoon, and the morning sessions, during the remainder of the sitting of this body, be spent in devotional exercises.

The Association then adjourned one hour and a half for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock.

Half an hour was spent in religious exercises, at the conclusion of which the Association was called to order, and business resumed.

The Rules of Order and Decorum were read by the Clerk.

The Committee on Religious Exercises, by vote of the Association, were instructed to arrange for a collection after the 11 o'clock sermon, to morrow, (Sabbath), in behalf of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, and the services in the afternoon to be conducted in the interests of the Sunday School Board of the S. B. C.

Elder T. M. Bailey, by motion, was added to the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Return Correspondence:

Tuskegee Association.—Meets at Salem, Russell county, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1871. Elders P. H. Lundy and Jefferson Falkner.

Salem Association.—Meets on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1872. Elder B. A. Jackson, Elder T. J. Miles, W. A. Battle, J. C. Fonville, F. Armstrong.

Pine Barren Association.—Meets on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1872, at Bethsaida Church, Wilcox county. Elder W. C. Cleveland, Elder B. H Crumpton, Elder P. H. Lundy, Elder Thomas E. Williams, T. K. Padgett, J. J. Vaughan, J. E. Pouncey, S. W. Lide.

Unity Association.—Meets on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1872, at Chestnut Creek, Autauga county. Elder Jefferson Falkner, Elder J. H. Ray, J. I. Lamar, O. W. Sherrer.

Bethlehem Association.—Meets on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1872, at Pisgah Church. Elder J. E. Bell, Elder C. A. Kendrick, R. M. Burt.

Baptist State Convention.—Elders Jefferson Falkner, J. H. Ray, P. H. Lundy, Matthew Bishop, J. E Bell, T. M. Bailey, B. A. Jackson, W. C. Cleveland, C. A. Kendrick, B. H. Crumpton.

On motion, the Association voted to suspend the order of business on Monday, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to allow Elder S. R. Freeman an

opportunity to advocate the claims of Howard College, upon the sympathy and support of the Baptists composing this Association.

It was resolved that when the Committee on Missions make their report, Elder N. B. Williams (now present and under appointment from the Foreign Mission Board, as Missionary to China,) be invited to address this body on the subject, and in behalf of Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Religions Exercises announced the following as the order of to-morrow's services:

At 10 o'clock, A. M., Elder Jefferson Falkner to address the Sabbath School.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder S. R. Freeman to preach in the church, and Elder P. H. Lundy in the school-house. Elder B. A. Jackson at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder J. H. Ray to preach to colored people.

At 2½ o'clock, P. M., Elder E. B. Hardie to prerch to colored people.

A Sabbath School mass meeting to be held In the afternoon, and addressed by Elders Matthew Bishop and N. B. Williams.

The regularly appointed Committee on Sunday Schools being absent, brother H. W. Watson was requested to prepare a report on the subject, to be read as introductory to the exercises of the mass meeting, Sunday afternoon.

The body then adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock Monday Morning. Prayer by Elder W. C. Cleveland.

SABBATH.

At 10 o'clock, Elder Jefferson Falkner addressed the Sabbath School of Town Creek Church and assembled delegates.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder Samuel R. Freeman preached from John ix : 4. "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." After which a public collection was taken up in behalf of the H. &. F. M. Boards, amounting to $53 60.

At 2 o'clock, P. M. the Sunday School mass meeting assembled in the church, and was addressed by Elders N. B. Williams and Matthew Bishop; subsequent to which, a collection was taken in the interest of the Sunday School Board of the S. B. C., amounting to $48.60.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK,
October 9th, 1871.

After half an hour's devotional exercises, the body was called to order, and business resumed.

The report on Missions was read by Elder J. Falkner, and, after discussion, adopted. See Appendix A.

In accordance with previous resolution, Elder N. B. Williams ad-

dressed the Association on the subject of Missions, and a collection was taken up for the Foreign Mission Board, amounting to $24.85.

Elder S. R. Freeman set forth, in an earnest appeal, the claims of Howard College upon the sympathies, prayers, and material support of the Baptists of our State, at the conclusion of which,

On motion, the Association united with the Moderator in a special appeal, at the throne of grace, in behalf of this Institution.

Adjourned for dinner.

MONDAY 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Association called to order, and business resumed.

Brother H. W. Watson, as Chairman, read the Report on Sunday Schools. The following amendment was offered by Elder T. M. Bailey, and accepted, to-wit: *Resolved*, That the churches composing this Association be requested to send delegates to a Sunday School Convention, to be held at Mount Willing, Lowndes county, with the Hopewell Church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1872.

The report, as amended, was unanimously adopted. See Appendix B.

The report on the State of Religion in the Churches was made by Elder W. B. Crumpton, Chairman, and adopted. See Appendix C.

Elder P. H. Lundy, Chairman, made a report on Documents, which was adopted. See Appendix D.

The Finance Committee reported, through brother J. I. Lamar, as Chairman, and it was appropriately referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Matthew Bishop.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.,
October 10th, 1871.

Devotional exercises half an hour; body then called to order. Elder D. Lee, Moderator, in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, corrected and adopted.

Brother S. R. Lide, Treasurer, read his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion, a letter of dismission was granted Sardis Church, to unite with the Zion Association, and the Clerk instructed to prepare such letter, for the signature of the Moderator.

The next meeting of this body will be held with Bethel Baptist Church, Fort Deposit, Lowndes county, Alabama, beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. 1872.

The Committee on Religious Exercises were instructed to nominate a minister, each, to preach an Introductory Sermon and 11 o'clock sermon on Sunday, at our next annual convocation.

The Associational Mission Board, made its report through Elder Matthew Bishop, Chairman.

The following amendment was offered by Elder B. H. Crumpton, and accepted, viz:

Resolved, That the Associational Mission Board are hereby instructed to report to the Domestic Mission Board, at Marion, Alabama, and through it to the Southern Baptist Convention, the results of the labors of our Missionaries, and amount of contributions to the cause of benevolence within the bounds of this Association.

The report as amended, was adopted. See Appendix E.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported Elder P. H. Lundy to preach the Introductory Sermon on Saturday, Elder J. Falker, alternate, at our next annual meeting. Elder T. M. Bailey to preach the sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder W. C. Cleveland, alternate.

The Moderator was instructed to appoint the board of three, provided for in the Report on Missions, in pursuance of which Elders P. H. Lundy, T. M. Bailey, and brother George W. McQueen were selected as such committee.

The Auditing Committee announced they had carefully examined the Finance and Treasurer's reports and find them correct. See Appendix F and G.

On motion, Elders T. M. Bailey and Matthew Bishop, and brethren George W. McQueen and H. W. Watson were nominated a committee to prepare a programme for the S. S. Convention of March next.

The order of business was suspended to give opportunity to brethren to make money-pledges, or to cultivate a portion of land the ensuing year, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the cause of Missions.

On motion of Elder W. C. Cleveland, in addition to the above the Association earnestly recommends that each female member connected with our churches contribute at least two cents every week during the coming year to the cause of benevolence.

The following pledges were made:

Elder D Lee, to cultivate	1 Acre	J. C. Fonville, to cultivate	¼ Acre
R. M. Burt, "	⅝ "	O. W. Sherrer, "	¼ "
Jesse G. Jones, "	½ "	J. W. Rast, "	¼ "
John W. Orme, "	⅜ "	E. Ansley, "	¼ "
H. W. Caffey, "	¼ "	D. B. Edwards, "	¼ "
Elder W. C. Avant	1 "	Elder M. Bishop, ¼ of month as Mis'ry.	
James A. Crow, "	¼ "	Daniel Rast	$10
Geo. W. Coker, "	¼ "	W. G. Quarles	20
Elder B. H. Crumpton	¼ "	John G. Brown	10
F. Armstrong, to cultivate	¼ "	Rufus Lee	15

Business was resumed and the Clerk of the Association instructed to have as many copies of minutes printed as the minute fund will pay for after deducting $25 for his services, and distribute them pro rata among the churches.

The Moderator was instructed to appoint some brother to write a letter of correspondence to the Tuskegee Association and Baptist State Convention. Elder P. H. Lundy was so selected.

The thanks of the Association were tendered to the brethren and citi-

zens of this community for their hearty reception and enlarged hospitality towards its members.

The committee appointed for that purpose nominated the following brethren as the Mission Board, for the ensuing year, which was adopted, viz: Elder David Lee, A. F. Goldsmith, D. B. Edwards.

The Clerk was instructed to open two new columns in the table of statistics for the purpose of recording the number of Sabbath School Scholars and Teachers; and the Superintendents of the several Sabbath Schools connected with the churches, composing the Association, are requested to forward, immediately, to the Clerk, statistics on the above points to be incorporated in the present year's minutes.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay into the hands of the Associational Mission Board, out of unappropriated funds belonging to this body, a sufficient amount to liquidate its indebtedness to its missionaries and hold the balance subject to the order of the Board; was also, further authorized to pay over any funds in his hands for the several Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention to any one authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Bethel Church, Fort Deposit, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1872.

The brethren united in singing,

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,"

and gave the parting hand.

DAVID LEE, *Moderator.*

H. W. CAFFEY, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

A.—REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The cause of Missions is the cause of Christ: the Apostles and early Ministers were active, energetic Missionaries; James, Cephas, and John who seemed to be pillars in the church, gave to Paul and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that they should go to the heathen, while they (themselves,) "went to the circumcision." Since the commencement of modern missions, when William Carey went to India, much has been accomplished. Idolatry was overthrown in the Sandwich Islands in 1820; Missionaries entered the country soon after, and labored about seventeen years before much was accomplished or visible fruits seen, but then the fruit began to appear from the heavenly seed they had been sowing "with tears" and about one-fourth of the inhabitants were converted and now one-third of the entire population are professed Chris-

tians—800 having joined the church in 1868, and now they not only support the gospel among themselves, but are doing much to send it to the regions beyond.

In the Fegee Islands, containing a population of about 200,000, thirty years ago they were Cannibals, now they are Christianized, and about 22,000 of the people are church members. An English naval officer who lately attended religious services, says: "Only fifteen years ago every man I saw was a Cannibal, but now, close to me sat the old Chief, Bible in hand, and spectacles on forehead, who was, twenty years before, one of the most ferocious and sanguinary of this terrible land; and within twenty yards was the site of the fatal oven, with the tree still standing, covered with the notches that marked each new victim." In Burmah, Madagascar, and in the East generally, where comparatively but a little while ago "darkness covered the earth, and gross darkness the people," the glorious light of the gospel is now shining, and the songs of Zion are being sung by thousands of living worshippers, while hundreds of thousands have already gone to swell the universal chorus of praise and thanksgiving to Him who died but lives again in the climes of glory. By our own immediate Missionaries in China and Africa the work has been inaugurated. Our Foreign Board at Richmond have in China about twelve stations, and outstations, with twelve Missionaries and eighteen native assistants; seven churches have been formed, and more than 350 converts baptized; other Missionaries have been appointed, and among these our beloved young brother Williams, of Wetumpka, who will soon be in the field, telling the story of the Cross to those now bowing down to dumb idols.

The African Mission has been resumed, and has ten stations with twelve laborers, and the Board is earnestly urged to increase its appointments, and will be glad to do so if the means are furnished.

But one of the most remarkable facts of this wonderful age is, that in the ancient city of Rome, under the very shadow of the dome of St. Peter's itself, our brethren have raised the standard of a pure gospel. Brother Cote, with eight or ten Colporteurs and Evangelists, are laboring faithfully in Italy. In the city of Rome, we have a Baptist Church of forty members. A School for Preachers has been organized; large portions of God's word has been distributed, and calls for Baptist Missionaries come from every part of Italy. In our Domestic Mission work the Board at Marion have in their employ one hundred laborers, but many more are needed, and will be put in the field if the means are furnished; the labor already performed has been abundantly blessed, and we have great reason to "thank God and take courage."

As to our Home Mission work, we refer you to the report of the Executive Committee of this Association.

We are rejoiced to be able to say that modern Missionary enterprise is no longer an experiment, but has the seal of the Master's approbation.

Your committee desire to call the attention of the Association to the condition of the colored population; their peculiarities, as a people, need not be discussed, as we have been accustomed to them during our

entire lives, and know them better than others possibly can; they are now in a condition that calls loudly on us to make an effort to direct them in a proper course.

Their ministers *must be educated*, either by ourselves and made instruments of power in our hands for Christ, or they will be educated by others and used as a power antagonistic to us.

Your committee would therefore, recommend that our delegates to the State Convention be requested to call the attention of that body to the importance of this field of labor, and to take such measures as are necessary to have it occupied by Southern Baptists.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JEFFERSON FALKNER, *Chairman.*

B.—REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Imparting instruction to the young is both a duty and a privilege—a duty, because God has made it so; a privilege, because it affords heartfelt pleasure to the pious heart to obey God.

It is written, for our instruction, in the Bible, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it;" and again, the precept is given to train them in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." It is hardly necessary to add what all intelligent persons admit, that every human being adds daily testimony, that our living pious depends materially on our training.

These things being so, we cannot over-estimate early training. When we speak of training, be it understood, we mean moral and religious training; and while the family fireside must hold the first rank as the place to begin the work, it is true, as shown by happy experience, that the institution called "Sabbath School" holds prominent rank in that enterprise. It is true, the workers in this field of Gospel labor have difficulties to meet—one is, that only one day of the week, and only one short hour of that day, is devoted to this work of training; but yet, even seldom and brief as it is, God has set his seal to it as his work, thus giving his children encouragement to persevere. Another difficulty is, that many professed Christians neglect, or refuse to enter this field, thereby influencing others to like inactivity. This conduct on the part of men and women is to be deplored, and calls loudly on those performing the labor, to renewed and harder efforts to counteract the inconsistent conduct of their indolent brethren.

The religious training of the young should all rest on Bible truth—for it is written, "the entrance of thy word giveth light;" "thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my pathway;" "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." Prayer, offered in faith, should daily ascend to God for his Holy Spirit to attend all such training; because, without his presence and blessing, all is dead, for the Spirit is life, and the Spirit is power.

That the membership of the various churches composing this body should engage heartily and earnestly in this field of labor, is too plain

to require argument in this report. As great standpoints for us to occupy, we offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we will pray more fervently for the success of Sabbath Schools in the future, than we have done in the past.
2. That we will labor more earnestly and faithfully in the future than the past, for Sabbath Schools.
3. That this good work is heartily recommended to every Christian as worthy of his highest aim and best service.
4. That the churches composing this Association be requested to send delegates to a Sunday School Convention, to be held with Hopewell Church, Mt. Willing, Lowndes county, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1872.

Respectfully submitted. H. W. Watson, *Chairman.*

C.—REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

The intelligence from some of the churches is cheering. Revivals are reported which seem to be deep and widespread, and these mostly in those churches which report the existence of prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools. There have been 235 baptized into the fellowship of our churches during the year past. We are sad to notice that not one half the churches mention the existence of a Sabbath School, only fourteen contribute to missions, and only six report prayer meetings. One church has been constituted and added to our number. The following resolution is recommended:

Resolved, That, as but few of our churches have reported prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools to this body, we would earnestly request them, in their future letters of correspondence, to report whether they keep up a prayer meeting, and the number of teachers and scholars in Sunday Schools. Respectfully submitted.

W. B. Crumpton, *Chairman.*

D.—REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee have had access to no documents except the letters from the churches. On a careful examination of them, we find nothing demanding notice, except in the letters from Unity, Mt. Gilead and Greenville churches. From the first named we learn the death of Deacon Daniel Holt. The decease of such a man is much to be deplored. Wise in council, faithful in the discharge of every obligation, his influence for good was felt and acknowledged by the church and community. Mount Gilead mourns the loss of two deacons, brethren John A. Edwards and James J. Barlow. These brethren have been called away in the vigor of their manhood, and in the midst of their usefulness. While we mourn the loss of such men, we would bow in humble submission to the will of our Father, and rejoice in the belief that our loss is their eternal gain. We tender our sympathies and our prayers to the churches of Unity and Mt. Gilead, and also to the families of our departed brethren.

The church at Greenville asks, in her letter, for the appointment, by

this body, of a Standing Committee of brethren for Christian conference with our Primitive brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
P. H. Lundy. *Chairman.*

E.—REPORT OF MISSION BOARD OF ASSOCIATION.

Your Board beg leave to report that during the first of the Associational year, they found it impossible to enter upon the work assigned them, with energy and faithfulness, for two reasons, to-wit: the want of funds; and in the second place, the members of the Board were so scattered it was impracticable to secure an early meeting. From these causes it was not until the month of July, that Elder T. N. Coleman was employed as Missionary to preach at the points of greatest destitution within the limits of the Association, at a salary of sixty dollars per month. He was instructed to survey the field, and labor at Hayneville and Philadelphia.

He has travelled about 700 miles, preached 25 sermons, besides lectures in Sabbath schools and prayer-meetings, and religious visits to families. He has been paid one hundred and forty-two dollars, leaving eight dollars still due. Your Board also engaged the services of Elder Matthew Bishop, who has faithfully labored in the field. He reports 400 miles travelled, 30 sermons preached, besides laboring in Sabbath schools, prayer-meetings and families; in connection with Elder Coleman he held two protracted meetings, one at Hanyeville and one at Philadelphia.

Brother Bishop has, as yet, only received five dollars for his services. Your Board would call special attention to Hayneville and Philadelphia, as points worthy of the consideration of this Association.

Brother George W. McQueen, *a live* Sunday school man, has been laboring in Hayneville during the year, and his efforts have been of much service to the cause of the Master, and a valuable aid to your Missionaries. It is respectfully recommended that the Missionary appointed the ensuing year be instructed to labor at Hayneville and Philadelphia.

The following changes are suggested in the organization of your Board, viz: that the number be reduced to three, and these to live within convenient distance of each other; and secondly, that a sufficiency of means be at once placed in their hands to enable them to enter promptly upon their work. The immediate results of the work of your Board, through their Agents and Missionaries, are as follows:

Miles travelled, 1,100; baptized, 8; received but not yet baptized, 1; received by letter, 2; known professions but not yet united with the church, 12. Money collected, and pledges for education of orphan children, about $150; cash for Associational Missions, $167; pledges for Associational Missions, $303 50. The following resolution is recommended:

The Associational Mission Board are hereby instructed to report to the Domestic Mission Board at Marion, Ala., and through it to the Southern Baptist Convention, the results of the labors of our Mission-

aries, and amount of contributions to the cause of benevolence, within the bounds of this Association. Respectfully submitted,

MATTHEW BISHOP, *Chairman.*

F.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Pledges for 1870 for Ass. Miss. Redeemed.	Associational Missions.	Minutes.	General Domestic and Indian Missions.	Foreign Missions.	S. S. Board S. B. C.	Howell College.	China Mission.	Roman Mission.	African Mission.	Theological Seminary, Greenville.	Total.
Shiloh	$.....	$	$2 00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$....	$.....	$.....	$....	.....	$ 2 00
Town Creek	.....	.....	3 00	26 55	35 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 85
Sister Springs	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Providence	.....	.....	3 00	37 70	37 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 40
Centre Ridge	.....	15 70	2 50	36 05	13 00	20 25	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	103 50
Bethany	.....	15 00	3 00	.....	41 60	.....	.....	13 00	10 80	.....	.....	83 40
New Bethel	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Cedar Creek	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Pleasant Hill	.....	10 00	2 20	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 20
Ash Creek	.....	.....	3 00	13 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	41 00
Mt. Gilead	.....	.....	2 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	9 00
Benton	.....	5 00	1 50	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 50
Steep Creek	25 00	56 70	3 00	20 00	12 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 36
Bethel	.....	81 70	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 95
Hopewell	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Hayneville	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
1st Montgomery	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
2d Montgomery	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Unity	.....	.....	2 50	37 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 70
Autaugaville	.....	.....	2 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00
Pine Level	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Midway	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Elim	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Liberty	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Mt. Lebanon	.....	20 00	3 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Greenville	.....	16 50	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 50
Hickory Grove	.	.....	3 00	11 50	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	24 50
New Ebenezer	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Damascus	.....	15 75	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	20 50
Union	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Rutledge	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Indian Creek	.....	.....	2 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Macedonia	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
	25 00	241 35	87 95	212 80	173 46	20 25	16 00	23 00	10 80	1 75	19 00	831 36

Town Creek S. School—For S. Board, S. B. C.	$ 8 20
Elder Matthew Bishop—For. Miss., $13.75; Dom. Miss., $13.75; Ass'l Miss., $13.75; Orphan's Ed., $13.75	55 00
Elder David Lee—For S. School Board, S.B.C., $12; For. Miss., $12; Dom. Miss. $12	36 00
Bethany S. School—For Bro. Hartwell's Children	15 00
Steep Creek Church—For Associational S. S. Fund	3 00
Bethel Church—For Education of Orphans	95 00
Sabbath Public Collection—For Gen. Dom. Miss., $36.80; Foreign Miss., $26.80; S. S. Board, $48.60	102 20
Contribution to Bro. N. B. Williams, for Foreign Mission	24 85
Total	$1,170 61

Respectfully submitted. J. I. LAMAR, N. L. BROOKS, T. E. WILLIAMS, } *Committee.*

The Auditing Committee having examined the foregoing report, find it correct. H. W. WATSON, *Chairman.*

G.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. W. Lide, *Treasurer, in Account with the Alabama Baptist Association.*

Dr.

1870.	To amount from Churches for Minutes.....	$	93	85	
	" " of Pledges for 1869.....		396	00	
	" " for Associational Missions.....		431	00	
	" " for Domestic Mission Board		170	65	
	" " for Foreign Mission Board.....		80	55	
	" " for China Mission.....		37	30	
	" " for Sunday School Board.....		26	05	
	" " for Howard College.....		31	00	
	" " for Orphan's Home.....		26	50	
					$1,292 90

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1870.	By am't Minute fund paid Clerk Association..	$	93	85	
	" paid Eld. B. A. Jackson.....		827	00	
	" paid Bro. John Gamble.....		62	00	
	" paid Bro I T Tichenor for H College		31	00	
	" paid Bro M T Sumner, Do. Mis. Bd.		156	65	
	" in hands of B B Davis, Montgomery,		50	00	
	" Cash on hand to balance.....		72	40	
					$1,292 90

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. Lide, *Treasurer.*

The Auditing Committee having examined the above Report, find it correct.

H. W. Watson, *Chairman.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1871.

	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Received by Voucher.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Blacks.	Whole Number.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath School Scholars.	Sabbath Meeting.
First District.	Shiloh	W. B. Crumpton	C. C. Cleveland	Selma	11	.....	3	...	5	1	...	26	195	221	.....	30	4th
	Town Creek	T. M. Bailey	E. W. Hardy	Benton	.....	.....	.....	1	60	9	2	98	193	286	10	80	1st
	Sister Springs	J. H Ray	Nathan Moore	Benton	16	2	4	...	2	...	...	.....	.....	187	.....	.....	1st
	Providence	W. B. Crumpton	Lewis Johnson	Cambridge	1	.....	2	...	4	...	1	78	.....	78	.....	.....	1st & 3rd
	Cedar Creek	J. F. Brunner	L. L. Lee	Farmersville	1	1	.....	...	6	...	2	44	.....	44	.....	.....	2nd
	Pleasant Hill	B. H. Crumpton	J. W. Smyly	Pleasant Hill	.....	1	1	...	3	...	3	63	.....	63	.....	.....	4th
	Centre Ridge	W. C. Cleveland	J. W. Dennis	Richmond	.....	.....	.....	...	3	...	1	81	.....	81	.....	.....	2nd & 4th
	Bethany	B. H. Crumpton	John A. Caffey	Benton	9	.....	6	...	1	2	2	56	.....	56	9	51	1st & 3rd
	New Bethel	J. F. Brunner	W J. Underwood	Braggs Store	.....	.....	1	...	1	...	2	37	.....	37	.....	.....	2nd
Second Dist.	Ash Creek	T. M. Bailey	J. C. L. Mason	Benton	.....	.....	.....	...	46	3	...	35	24	59	.....	.....	2nd & 4th
	Mt. Gilead	T. M. Bailey	H. W. Edwards	Benton	.....	.....	.....	...	3	...	3	30	.....	30	.....	.....	3rd
	Benton	B. H. Crumpton	John C. Hill	Benton	3	.....	.....	...	1	...	...	27	43	70	.....	.....	1st & 2nd
	Steep Creek	Matthew Bishop	U. G. W. Powell	Hayneville	1	.....	1	1	2	5	2	60	.....	60	.....	.....	1st
	Bethel	J. E. Bell	R. M. Burt	Fort Deposit	28	.....	10	2	14	7	4	178	.....	178	.....	.....	1st
	Hopewell	David Lee	J. H. Robertson	Mt Willing	23	.....	1	3	9	9	1	163	63	226	.....	.....	1st
Third Dist.	Montgomery 1st	D. W. Gwin	J. C. Stratford	Montgomery	6	.....	20	...	7	3	...	308	.....	308	.....	.....	E. S
	Montgomery 2nd	W. M. Davis	J. M. Falkner	Montgomery	.....	.....	3	...	5	23	6	114	.....	114	.....	.....	1st
	Unity	P. H Lundy	R. F. Smith	Prattville	5	.....	1	...	2	...	4	99	69	168	.....	.....	4th
	Autaugaville	P. H. Lundy	W. D. Sartor	Autaugaville	1	.....	2	...	5	...	...	29	.....	29	.....	.....	2nd
	Midway	T. J. Miles	Wm. O. Neill	Pine Level	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	45	.....	45	.....	.....	3rd
	Mt. Lebanon	David Lee	J. H. Bradshaw	Raif Branch	32	2	6	1	5	...	2	95	.....	95	6	45	3rd
	Elim	J. Faulkner	M. McLemore	Montgomery	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	15	.....	15	.....	.....	1st & 3rd
	Liberty	T. J. Miles	J. A. Mitchell	Pine Level	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	2	...	17	.....	17	.....	.....	1st
Fourth Dist.	Greenville	C. A. Kendrick	J. M. Thigpen	Greenville	67	.....	39	...	9	...	1	246	.....	246	.....	200	E. S
	Hickory Grove	David Lee	Asa Dean	Hayneville	.....	.....	4	...	.....	...	1	44	.....	44	.....	.....	4th
	New Ebenezer	W. H. Dean	Thomas Boytt	Argus	9	.....	2	1	1	...	...	58	.....	58	.....	.....	2nd
	Damascus	W. C. Avant	S. F. Andress	Greenville	6	.....	3	2	12	2	1	121	38	159	.....	.....	3rd
	Macedonia	B. A. Jackson	L. F. Ellis	Fort Deposit	5	.....	6	..	4	...	...	52	.....	52	.....	.....	2nd
	Union	W. A. Cumbie	J. F. Sims	Honoroville	2	.....	3	...	7	3	...	24	.....	24	.....	.....	.....
	Sardis	B. F. Lockhart	S. H. Thornton	Greenville	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	56	3	59	.....	.....	1st
	Rutledge	B. A. Jackson	L. D. Brooks	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	19	.....	19	.....	.....	3rd
	Indian Creek	B. F. Cooper	Wm. H. Cheatham	Greenville	9	.....	11	...	.....	...	...	37	.....	37	.....	.....	4th
					235	6	129	11	217	69	38	2350	628	3185	25	406	

☞ The Clerks of the several Churches are respectfully requested to conform their Statistical Tables, in future letters of correspondence to the Association, to the above form.—*Clerk.*

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